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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 30-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23, 30-35 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE/US)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

This application filed 05/12/2006 is a 371 of PCT/US04/35529 11/16/2004

Claims 1-23, 30-35 are pending and subject to the following Election/Restrictions.

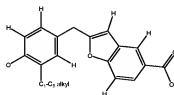
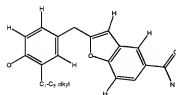
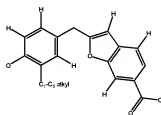
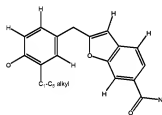
Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

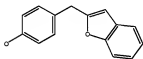
In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group 1, claim(s) 1,3,4,6-13, drawn to compounds of the following formulae with substitutions on the phenolic oxygen, carboxamide nitrogen and carboxylic ester oxygen commensurate with the claim limitations.



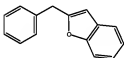
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Group 2, claim(s) 1,3,4,6-13, drawn to compounds of the following formula with substitutions on the phenolic oxygen commensurate with the claim limitations, encompassing compounds not included in Group 1.



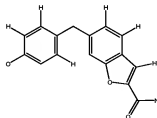
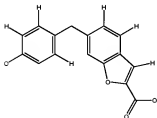
Election of species required and identification of claims encompassing these compounds is required.

Group 3, claim(s) 1,3,4,6-13, drawn to compounds of the following formula with substitutions on the commensurate with the claim limitations, encompassing compounds not included in Groups 1 and 2.



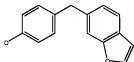
Election of species required and identification of claims encompassing these compounds is required.

Group 4, claims 2,5,30-32, drawn to compounds of the following formulae with substitutions on the phenolic oxygen, carboxamide nitrogen and carboxylic ester oxygen commensurate with the claim limitations.



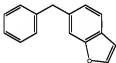
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Group 5, claim(s) 2,5,30-32, drawn to compounds of the following formula with substitutions on the phenolic oxygen commensurate with the claim limitations, encompassing compounds not included in Group 2.



Election of species required and identification of claims encompassing these compounds is required.

Group 6, claim(s) 2,5,30-32, drawn to compounds of the following formula with substitutions on the commensurate with the claim limitations, encompassing compounds not included in Groups 1 and 2.



Election of species required and identification of claims encompassing these compounds is required.

Group 7, claims 14-23 drawn to pharmaceutical methods of using compounds of Group 1.

Further Restriction based on the disease being treated would be required.

Group 8, claims 14-23 drawn to pharmaceutical methods of using compounds of Group 2.

Further Restriction based on the disease being treated would be required.

Group 9, claims 14-23 drawn to pharmaceutical methods of using compounds of Group 3.

Further Restriction based on the disease being treated would be required.

Group 10, claims 33-35 drawn to pharmaceutical methods of using compounds of Group 4.

Further Restriction based on the disease being treated would be required.

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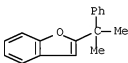
Group 11, claims 33-35 drawn to pharmaceutical methods of using compounds of Group 5.

Further Restriction based on the disease being treated would be required.

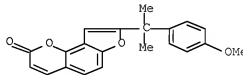
Group 12, claims 33-35 drawn to pharmaceutical methods of using compounds of Group 6.

Further Restriction based on the disease being treated would be required.

The inventions listed as Groups 1-12 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The special technical feature in all the groups is the chemical core structure of bezofuran connected to benzyl group. This technical feature is not a contribution over prior art, since such compounds are shown in prior art. For example,



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CAS Registry NO. 55710-66-2

Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper because all these inventions listed in this action are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious search and examination burden if restriction were not required because one or more of the following reasons apply:

- (a) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification;
- (b) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter;

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- (c) the inventions require a different field of search (for example, searching different classes/subclasses or electronic resources, or employing different search queries);
- (d) the prior art applicable to one invention would not likely be applicable to another invention;
- (e) the inventions are likely to raise different non-prior art issues under 35 U.S.C. 101 and/or 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse. Traversal must be presented at the time of election in order to be considered timely. Failure to timely traverse the requirement will result in the loss of right to petition under 37 CFR 1.144. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which of these claims are readable on the elected invention.

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIZAL S. CHANDRAKUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-6202. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571 0272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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